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Petition for Rulemaking to Eliminate Rate-of-Return Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

CC Docket No. 96-45, RM-10822

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TERMINATION

On October 30, 2003, Western Wireless Corporation (Western Wireless) filed a petition for rulemaking to eliminate rate-of-return regulation for rural incumbent local exchange carriers for purposes of determining their federal high-cost universal services support and interstate access charges.¹ On March 6, 2007, Alltel Corp. withdrew the Western Wireless petition for rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, asked that RM-10822 be closed, and requested that the petition and the comments and reply comments on the petition be incorporated by reference into the record of the intercarrier compensation reform (CC Docket No. 01-92) and universal service (WC Docket No. 05-337) proceedings.² This proceeding in CC Docket No. 96-45 and the rulemaking in RM-10822 are therefore terminated effective upon release of this Public Notice and the records are incorporated by reference into CC Docket No. 01-92 and WC Docket No. 05-337.

For further information, contact Al Lewis of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1520.

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¹ Petition for Rulemaking to Eliminate Rate-of-Return Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers at 1 (filed Oct. 30, 2004) (Western Wireless Petition).

² Letter from David L. Sieradzki, Hogan & Hartson, Counsel to Alltel Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, RM-10822 (filed Mar. 6, 2007). Western Wireless merged with ALLTEL Corporation in August 2005. *See Applications of Western Wireless Corporation and ALLTEL Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 05-50, 20 FCC Rcd 13053 (2005).